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Memorandum of Conversation

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SUBJECT:

Congressmen's Request for Information on Radio Liberty

PARTICIPANTS:

Mr. James Critchlow, Director, Information Division, Radio Liberty Committee, Inc.

R. T. Davies, Deputy Assistant Secretary for European Affairs

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Jim Critchlow, Assistant to the President of Radio Liberty, telephoned me today to say that Congressmen Rosenthal and Lester Wolff had called at Radio Liberty in Munich during a recent visit to Europe and, upon their return to Washington, had an assistant get in touch with Mr. Critchlow to ask for additional information and briefing on the activities of Radio Liberty. Mr. Critchlow asked me whether, in view of the consultations now in progress with the Congress, it would be inadvisable for him to see the Congressmen.

I told him that I saw no reason why he should not be forthcoming in response to this request. I said that, if he got questions about the funding of the Radios and the status of the legislation we have been discussing with Congressional leaders, he could simply say that he was not familiar with this matter. I said I saw no reason why it was not a good idea to provide the Congressmen with as much other information as possible on the activities of Radio Liberty.

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